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***Indiana's Office of Energy Development (OED) Opens Applications
for the 2015 Indiana Wastewater Treatment Plant Grant Program***

INDIANAPOLIS – The [Indiana Office of Energy Development \(OED\)](http://www.in.gov/oed) today announced that Indiana government-owned wastewater treatment plants can begin applying for a share of \$500,000 through the OED's 2015 Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) grant program.

OED's grant is intended to help reduce energy demand and energy costs at wastewater treatment plants through investments in energy efficiency, combined heat and power, and/or waste heat recovery. By reducing energy demand and recovering waste heat, WTPs can mitigate rising energy prices. Anaerobic digesters are also eligible technologies under this grant, provided that projects pass review under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

"We're excited to offer grants to help reduce costs at wastewater treatment plants," said OED Director Tristan Vance. "Wastewater treatment plants often make up a large portion of a municipality's energy bill, and reducing energy costs can help maximize taxpayer funds."

Applications for the 2015 WTP grant program can be mailed to reports@oed.in.gov beginning today, September 1, 2015, through October 23, 2015. Program guidelines are available online at www.in.gov/oed/2734.htm. The winning recipients must provide 50 percent cost share for the project, and special consideration will be given to applications that leverage greater than 50 percent cost share. The maximum award per grant will be \$100,000.

Projects must be ready to move beyond the planning stage and be ready for implementation. OED expects applicants to demonstrate their need for this project and how this project will benefit the wastewater treatment plant and its community, Vance said. Winning applicants will report to OED their cost and energy savings for one year after the completion of the project.

Those selected to receive a 2015 WTP will be notified by letter and email during November 2015.

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The [Indiana Office of Energy Development \(OED\)](http://www.in.gov/oed) was established to shepherd the state's energy plan. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive energy planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic and growing economy. OED coordinates state energy policy with executive branch agencies, houses energy-related programs and works to support a strong, comprehensive, coordinated energy plan for Indiana. The office also administers grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. These grants promote the use of alternative power and fuels, energy efficiency and public education on energy issues in Indiana.